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Talked to Mr. Vaught - Department of Army August 22

He said that BB Bulletin 57-3 (14 Aug. 56) does pertain or include contrast or procurement type records. Army Contracts contain a clause that requires the contractor to maintain records for 6 years after settlement (however there may be microfilmed after 2 years and substituted for the paper records). He said that he thought the Army would try to get a joint committee of Army, Navy and Air to Agree on an answer to this bulletin. He mentioned that he attended a meeting sometime ago with GAO, Ordnance, National Archives (Mr. Campbell) and representatives of [REDACTED] for the purpose of discussing retention periods on government contractor's records. [REDACTED] has since submitted a schedule which they hope will be processed thru National Archives, GAO & Congress. He said that [REDACTED] contracts run into millions of dollars and that they are reluctant to destroy the records when the government might bring a suit against them. He thinks that this will all eventually have to be settled by National Archives and GAO.

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